



## **SIGNER OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**

### **JONATHON DAYTON**

*1760 — 1824*

Dayton graduated from the College of New Jersey and entered the Continental Army. He was one of New Jersey's delegates to Philadelphia for framing the constitution in 1787 and one of the youngest signers. He served in the New Jersey Legislature; in Congress; as Speaker of the House in 1795 and 1797; and as U.S. Senator from 1799-1805. Dayton was one of the original members of the Society of Cincinnati. Dayton was a boyhood friend of Aaron Burr and in 1803 he undertook a duel in his defense. Dayton's reputation suffered nationally from loans to Burr for his questionable projects. He owned land in Ohio and the city of Dayton, named in honor of his family. He entertained Lafayette in Elizabeth and accompanied him on tour through the state in 1824.